

## **One Photo**

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Dad came home one day with one of those old cameras, the kind that use film. But Dad didn't take photos of the regular things people photograph....

A poignant story about love, loss and legacy; one son, one family, one photo.



Due to the nature and themes of this book, it is best suited to more mature primary school students.

### **Themes:**

- Family
- Memory loss
- Love
- Importance of memories
- Photography

### **Discussion Points:**

- 'Dad came home one day with one of those old cameras, the kind that use film.' Have you ever seen or used a 'film' camera?
- Are they still used very often today?
- 'The doctor told Mum this was part of the process, and said to expect more of the same. He's simply becoming forgetful, Mum explained to me.' Apart from that line, are we told what is wrong with Dad and why he is taking photos?
- As a class, discuss what you think may be the cause of the problems that Dad faced and how these types of health issues can impact on the entire family.
- Why did Dad take photos of ordinary, everyday items?
- What is the significance of the last photo that is found in the camera?
- Do you think this helped them in dealing with and understanding their loss? Explain.
- How important are family memories to your family?

### **Activities:**

- As a family, sit and go through some old family photographs. Use it as a time to reflect and remember. You may like to put together a special family album of the photos that are most special to you.
- Write about your favourite memory of your family. Include why it is your favourite.
- Study how photography has changed over the decades. Conduct a research project about how photography started and how it has evolved and changed over the years. Include in your research a timeline showing the major inventions.